

Senate Resolution 1305

By: Senator Golden of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 10, 2006, as "Hugh C. Bailey Science Center Day" in Georgia; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Hugh C. Bailey served Valdosta State University as its sixth president for
4 more than 22 years before retiring in 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey engineered university status for Valdosta State University in the
6 1990s, making this institution one of Georgia's two regional universities; and

7 WHEREAS, it is estimated that during his presidency at Valdosta State University, beginning
8 in 1978, Dr. Bailey awarded students more than 26,000 degrees; and

9 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Valdosta State University experienced a period of
10 remarkable development, with academic standards increased, many new programs added, and
11 a tremendous growth in enrollment, faculty, and staff; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey has been widely recognized for his commitment to quality design and
13 his dedication to preserving Valdosta State University's unique Spanish Mission style of
14 architecture; and

15 WHEREAS, construction of new facilities during Dr. Bailey's tenure exceeded \$60 million,
16 including the \$22.4 million Biology/Chemistry Building, a 148,165 square-foot facility
17 featuring a three-story atrium, 22 teaching and 19 research laboratories, two greenhouses, 11
18 classrooms, two auditoriums, two conference rooms, and 41 offices; and

19 WHEREAS, this major building is designed to be inviting to students and to present the study
20 of science as accessible and engaging; and

1 WHEREAS, Valdosta State University, with approval from the Board of Regents of the
2 University System of Georgia, has named the Biology/Chemistry Building the "Hugh C.
3 Bailey Science Center"; and

4 WHEREAS, university officials are planning a formal naming ceremony for the newly
5 named center for April 10, 2006, as part of the Valdosta State University Centennial events
6 and upon the completion of a new pedestrian mall that will surround the building; and

7 WHEREAS, the naming of the "Hugh C. Bailey Science Center" not only honors Dr. Bailey,
8 but also his wife, Mrs. Joan Bailey, and all those students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, and
9 other friends of the university who were involved with Valdosta State University during the
10 memorable and prosperous years of the Bailey Administration.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
12 join in recognizing April 10, 2006, as "Hugh C. Bailey Science Center Day" in Georgia in
13 honor of Dr. Bailey's extraordinary service to Valdosta State University and the people of
14 Georgia.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
16 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Dr. Hugh C. Bailey and to Valdosta State
17 University.